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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 April 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 6-11, 13, and 15-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 6-11, 13, and 15-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Status

1. In view of the appeal brief filed on 19 April 2010, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. The new grounds of rejections set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) initiate a new appeal by filing a notice of appeal under 37 CFR 41.31 followed by an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37. The previously paid notice of appeal fee and appeal brief fee can be applied to the new appeal. If, however, the appeal fees set forth in 37 CFR 41.20 have been increased since they were previously paid, then appellant must pay the difference between the increased fees and the amount previously paid.

A Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) has approved of reopening prosecution by signing below.

Response to Amendments

2. Claims 3, 5, 12, and 14 have been canceled.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 1, 4 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 because of the following informalities:

Claim 1 line 8 recites “displayed listed”. It is suggested that applicant changes “displayed listed” to -- displayed --.

Claim 1 lines 13, 14 recite “a selection with which a specific point”. It is suggested that applicant changes “a selection with which a specific point” to -- a selection of a specific point --.

Claim 1 line 13 recites “first characteristic feature is selectable”. It is suggested that applicant changes “first characteristic feature is selectable” to -- first characteristic feature that is selectable --.

Claim 4 line 8 recites “displayed listed”. It is suggested that applicant changes “displayed listed” to -- displayed --.

Claim 4 lines 13, 14 recite “a selection with which a specific point”. It is suggested that applicant changes “a selection with which a specific point” to -- a selection of a specific point --.

Claim 4 line 13 recites “first characteristic feature is selectable”. It is suggested that applicant changes “first characteristic feature is selectable” to -- first characteristic feature that is selectable --.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

For claims 1, 4, it is unclear whether 112, 6th paragraph, has been invoked for the claim elements "*selector*" because the phrase "means for" or "step for" is not used and no specific structure is recited to perform the functionality in the claim limitation.

If applicant wishes to have the claim limitation treated under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, applicant is required to:

- (a) Amend the claim to include the phrase "means for" or "step for" in accordance with these guidelines: the phrase "means for" or "step for" must be modified by functional language and the phrase must not be modified by sufficient structure, material, or acts for performing the claimed function; or
- (b) Show that the claim limitation is written as a function to be performed and the claim does not recite sufficient structure, material, or acts for performing the claimed function which would preclude application of 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph. For more information, see MPEP § 2181.

To achieve the goal of compact prosecution, the examiner assumes that 112, sixth paragraph has been invoked for the claim elements. In order to display, in the first region relative to the displayed sequence of messages, another sequence of messages with a temporally different position, another sequence of message is read in with the associated items of information by means of the selector from the storage device (Page 12 lines 12-16). However, there is no specific structure or algorithm corresponding to

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the function for the selector in the specification. Therefore, it is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd Paragraph because there is no disclosure or insufficient disclosure of the structure of specific algorithm (or steps) for performing the function recited in a claim limitation invoking 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph.

Claims 2, 6-9 are also rejected based upon the rejection of base claims 1, 4.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

7. **Claim 1, 2, 4, 6-11, 13, 15-21** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pruthi (US 2002/0105911) in view of Bahadiroglu (US 2002/0186660), Hilliker (US 2002/0100422) and Ikami (US 2002/0026247).

For claims 1, 10, Pruthi discloses a system and method comprising:

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- a message analyzer for analyzing messages which are transmitted, the message analyzer comprising (Fig. 1: computer C1; Fig. 10: traffic visualizer):
- a storage device for storing messages (Fig. 3: 318: paragraph 0036 line 2: memory);
- a selector for reading in a sequence of temporally successive messages (paragraph 0036 lines 3-5: processor and query engine generating statistics corresponding to the packets);
- a display device (paragraph 0037 line 11) for displaying, on a single screen, a first region and one a second region, wherein a the sequence of messages, is read in by means of the selector from the storage device and displayed listed in the first region (Fig. 17, Fig. 20),
- wherein the selector determines, for the first characteristic feature of the messages which are transmitted and the a course of this the first characteristic feature is displayed on the display device in the second region (Fig. 20: TCP level bit rate)
- additional item of information stored during storage of messages in the storage device (Fig. 17: sequence of messages; paragraph 0036 lines 13-16: statistics in memory; paragraph 0037 lines 8-11: providing the statistics to display device)

Pruthi discloses all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception for at least one service access points from layers of an Open Systems Interconnection

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(OSI) reference model and end system of a subscriber of a mobile telephone system. Bahadiroglu discloses at least one service access points from layers of an Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) reference model (paragraph 0089 lines 1-8: SAP, OSI protocol model) and end system of a subscriber of a mobile telephone system (paragraph 0036 line 5: mobile node; paragraph 0073 line 3-15: network is interconnected by lines including fiber optic cables, wireless connections connected to processing device or mobile phone). Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to incorporate at least one service access points from layers of an Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) reference model and end system of a subscriber of a mobile telephone system of Bahadiroglu to the method and the system of Pruthi. The motivation would have been to provide adaptive packet mechanism for optimizing data packet transmission through a connection between the sending node and the receiving node (Bahadiroglu paragraph 0047 lines 1-7).

Pruthi and Bahadiroglu disclose all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception for the sequence of messages read in by the selector is dependent upon a selection with which a specific point of the course of the first characteristic feature is selectable in the second region. Hilliker discloses the sequence of messages read in by the selector is dependent upon a selection with which a specific point of the course of the first characteristic feature is selectable in the second region (Fig. 5B; paragraph 0045 lines 1-10: test output generated by network analyzer for test configuration including a plot of attenuation versus frequency, and a table of values

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corresponding to the markers on plots). Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to incorporate the sequence of messages read in by the selector is dependent upon a selection with which a specific point of the course of the first characteristic feature is selectable in the second region of Hilliker to the method and the system of Pruthi and Bahadiroglu. The motivation would have been to enhance user interface.

Pruthi, Bahadiroglu, and Hilliker disclose all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception for the display device is configured to display a selectable marking produced automatically by the selector in the second region based on a predefined additional item of information, upon selection of the marking, a sequence of messages which corresponds to the specific point of the selected marking is read in from the storage device. Ikami discloses the display device is configured to display a selectable marking produced automatically by the selector in the second region based on a predefined additional item of information (Fig. 5, Fig. 6; paragraph 0024: the plotted data displayed in this second window is assumed to be the data value f_7 in the variable Y denoted by an arrow plotted with respect to the second variable X. A position denoted by an arrow here can be specified with the pointer means for any value in the variable Y marked by the user; paragraph 0027: each time the left button of the mouse is clicked, the display field can be changed sequentially to f_2, f_3, f_4, \dots at the f_i data value shown in Fig. 3. In such case, the sub-plotted data in the second window can also be changed sequentially to f_2, f_3, f_4, \dots in accordance with the change; the predefined additional item of information is equivalent to the variable f_i), upon selection of the

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marking, a sequence of messages which corresponds to the specific point of the selected marking is read in from the storage device (Fig. 5, Fig. 6; paragraph 0024: the plotted data displayed in this second window is assumed to be the data value f_7 in the variable Y denoted by an arrow plotted with respect to the second variable X. A position denoted by an arrow here can be specified with the pointer means for any value in the variable Y marked by the user; paragraph 0027: each time the left button of the mouse is clicked, the display field can be changed sequentially to f_2, f_3, f_4, \dots at the f_i data value shown in Fig. 3. In such case, the sub-plotted data in the second window can also be changed sequentially to f_2, f_3, f_4, \dots in accordance with the change; Fig.3, paragraph 0021: in the data class stored in the database DB used by the present invention, f_i , for example a measured data value, which corresponds to each discrete value of the variable Y, is stored in each field; the sequence of message is represented by variable x_j of the course upon changes of variable f_i by clicking). Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to incorporate the display device is configured to display a selectable marking produced automatically by the selector in the second region based on a predefined additional item of information, upon selection of the marking, a sequence of messages which corresponds to the specific point of the selected marking is read in from the storage device of Ikami to the method and the system of Pruthi, Bahadiroglu, and Hilliker. The motivation would have been to make it easier to visualize data to be changed in dependence on a plurality of variables accurately, simply, and effectively (Ikami paragraph 0008).

For claims 2, 11, Pruthi discloses

- the selector (paragraph 0036 lines 3-5: processor and query engine generating statistics corresponding to the packets) determines a second characteristic feature for messages which are transmitted, and the a course of the second characteristic feature is displayed on the display device in the second region of the display device (Fig. 20: TCP level packet rate)

Pruthi discloses all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception for a plurality of service access points of a layer of the OSI reference model.

Bahadiroglu discloses a plurality of service access points of a layer of the OSI reference model (paragraph 0089 lines 1-8: SAP, OSI protocol model). Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to incorporate a plurality of service access points of a layer of the OSI reference model of Bahadiroglu to the method and the system of Pruthi. The motivation would have been to provide adaptive packet mechanism for optimizing data packet transmission through a connection between the sending node and the receiving node (Bahadiroglu paragraph 0047 lines 1-7).

For claim 4, 13, Pruthi discloses the system comprising:

- message analyzer for analyzing messages which are transmitted, the message analyzer comprising (Fig. 1: computer C1; Fig 10: traffic visualizer):

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- a storage device for storing messages (Fig. 3: 318: paragraph 0036 line 2: memory);
- a storage device for storing messages (Fig. 3: 318: paragraph 0036 line 2: memory);
 - a selector for reading in a sequence of temporally successive messages (paragraph 0036 lines 3-5: processor and query engine generating statistics corresponding to the packets);
 - a display device (paragraph 0037 line 11) for displaying, on a single screen, a first region and one a second region, wherein a the sequence of messages, is read in by means of the selector from the storage device be and displayed listed in the first region (Fig. 17, Fig. 20),
 - wherein the selector determines, for the first characteristic feature of the messages which are transmitted and the a course of this the first characteristic feature is displayed on the display device in the second region (Fig. 20: TCP level bit rate),
 - wherein a sequence of messages is read in from the storage device (Fig. 17: sequence of messages; paragraph 0036 lines 13-16: statistics in memory; paragraph 0037 lines 8-11: providing the statistics to display device)

Pruthi discloses all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception for at least one service access points from layers of an Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) reference model and end system of a subscriber of a mobile telephone system.

Bahadiroglu discloses at least one service access points from layers of an Open

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Systems Interconnection (OSI) reference model (paragraph 0089 lines 1-8: SAP, OSI protocol model) and end system of a subscriber of a mobile telephone system (paragraph 0036 line 5: mobile node; paragraph 0073 line 3-15: network is interconnected by lines including fiber optic cables, wireless connections connected to processing device or mobile phone). Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to incorporate at least one service access points from layers of an Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) reference model and end system of a subscriber of a mobile telephone system of Bahadiroglu to the method and the system of Pruthi. The motivation would have been to provide adaptive packet mechanism for optimizing data packet transmission through a connection between the sending node and the receiving node (Bahadiroglu paragraph 0047 lines 1-7).

Pruthi and Bahadiroglu disclose all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception for a sequence of messages is dependent upon a selection with which specific point of the first characteristic feature is selectable in the second region. Hilliker discloses a sequence of messages is dependent upon a selection with which specific point of the first characteristic feature is selectable in the second region (Fig. 5B; paragraph 0045 lines 1-10: test output generated by network analyzer for test configuration including a plot of attenuation versus frequency, and a table of values corresponding to the markers on plots). Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to incorporate a sequence of messages is dependent upon a selection with which specific point of the

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first characteristic feature is selectable in the second region of Hilliker to the method and the system of Pruthi and Bahadiroglu. The motivation would have been to enhance user interface.

Pruthi, Bahadiroglu, and Hilliker disclose all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception for a plurality of specific points are marked by respective markings in the course displayed in the second region and, upon selection of a marking of the markings, a sequence of messages which corresponds to the specific point of the selected marking is read in from the storage device. Ikami discloses a plurality of specific points are marked by respective markings in the course displayed in the second region and (Fig. 5, Fig. 6; paragraph 0024: the plotted data displayed in this second window is assumed to be the data value f_7 in the variable Y denoted by an arrow plotted with respect to the second variable X. A position denoted by an arrow here can be specified with the pointer means for any value in the variable Y marked by the user; paragraph 0027: each time the left button of the mouse is clicked, the display field can be changed sequentially to f_2, f_3, f_4, \dots at the f_i data value shown in Fig. 3. In such case, the sub-plotted data in the second window can also be changed sequentially to f_2, f_3, f_4, \dots in accordance with the change), upon selection of a marking of the markings, a sequence of messages which corresponds to the specific point of the selected marking is read in from the storage device (Fig. 5, Fig. 6; paragraph 0024: the plotted data displayed in this second window is assumed to be the data value f_7 in the variable Y denoted by an arrow plotted with respect to the second variable X. A position denoted by an arrow here can be specified with the pointer means for any value in the variable Y

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marked by the user; paragraph 0027: each time the left button of the mouse is clicked, the display field can be changed sequentially to f_2, f_3, f_4, \dots at the f_i data value shown in Fig. 3. In such case, the sub-plotted data in the second window can also be changed sequentially to f_2, f_3, f_4, \dots in accordance with the change; Fig.3, paragraph 0021: in the data class stored in the database DB used by the present invention, f_i , for example a measured data value, which corresponds to each discrete value of the variable Y, is stored in each field; the sequence of message is represented by variable x_j of the course upon changes of variable f_i by clicking). Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to incorporate a plurality of specific points are marked by respective markings in the course displayed in the second region and, upon selection of a marking of the markings, a sequence of messages which corresponds to the specific point of the selected marking is read in from the storage device of Ikami to the method and the system of Pruthi, Bahadiroglu, and Hilliker. The motivation would have been to make it easier to visualize data to be changed in dependence on a plurality of variables accurately, simply, and effectively (Ikami paragraph 0008).

For claim 6, 15, Pruthi discloses

- the course of the first characteristic feature is displayed in the second region in a coordinate system, wherein the X axis of the coordinate system is a time axis (Fig. 20: plot of TCP level bit rate)

For claim 7, 16, Pruthi discloses

- the third region (Fig. 17) of the course displayed in the second region which corresponds respectively to the sequence of messages currently displayed in the first region (Fig. 20)

Pruthi does not explicitly disclose highlighting. However, Pruthi discloses the third region of the course displayed in the second region which corresponds respectively to the sequence of messages currently displayed in the first region (Fig. 17, Fig. 20). Therefore, it is obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time is able to recognize the information of messaging since highlighting is known to the artisan of ordinary skill as design choice.

For claim 8, 17, Pruthi discloses

- the course of the first characteristic feature is displayed in the second region in a coordinate system, wherein the X axis of the coordinate system is subdivided into intervals (Fig. 20: TCP level bit rate; paragraph 0038 lines 6-9: packets divided into sets during one of successive one-second time periods).

Pruthi does not explicitly disclose each having an identical number of messages. However, Pruthi discloses TCP level bit rate (Fig. 20) and packets divided into sets during one of successive one-second time periods (paragraph 0038 lines 6-9). Therefore, it is obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time is able to use

the identical number of messages during sampling time because the packets divided into sets during one of successive one-second time periods. The motivation would have been to improve reliability by monitoring data on the communication line.

For claim 9, Pruthi discloses

- the first characteristic feature is a number of transmitted messages per interval of time or a data load or a number of messages transmitted repeatedly (Fig. 20: TCP level bit rate).

Pruthi discloses all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception for a layer of the OSI reference model. Bahadiroglu discloses a layer of the OSI reference model (paragraph 0089 lines 1-8: OSI protocol model). Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to incorporate a layer of the OSI reference model of Bahadiroglu to the method and the system of Pruthi. The motivation would have been to provide adaptive packet mechanism for optimizing data packet transmission through a connection between the sending node and the receiving node (Bahadiroglu paragraph 0047 lines 1-7).

For claims 18, 20, Pruthi discloses

- test run (Fig 10: traffic visualizer)

Pruthi, Bahadiroglu, and Hilliker disclose all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception for the predefined additional item of information is defined as a specific event that occurs. Ikami discloses the predefined additional item of

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information is defined as a specific event that occurs (Fig. 5, Fig. 6; paragraph 0024: the plotted data displayed in this second window is assumed to be the data value f_7 in the variable Y denoted by an arrow plotted with respect to the second variable X. A position denoted by an arrow here can be specified with the pointer means for any value in the variable Y marked by the user; paragraph 0027: each time the left button of the mouse is clicked, the display field can be changed sequentially to f_2, f_3, f_4, \dots at the f_i data value shown in Fig. 3. In such case, the sub-plotted data in the second window can also be changed sequentially to f_2, f_3, f_4, \dots in accordance with the change; the predefined additional item of information is equivalent to the variable f_i). Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to incorporate the predefined additional item of information is defined as a specific event that occurs of Ikami to the method and the system of Pruthi, Bahadiroglu, and Hilliker. The motivation would have been to make it easier to visualize data to be changed in dependence on a plurality of variables accurately, simply, and effectively (Ikami paragraph 0008).

For claims 19, 21, Pruthi discloses

- test run (Fig 10: traffic visualizer)

Pruthi and Bahadiroglu disclose all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception for the specific event is a change of attenuation. Hilliker discloses the specific event is a change of attenuation (Fig. 5; paragraph 0045 lines 1-10: test output generated by network analyzer for test configuration including a plot of attenuation

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versus frequency, and a table of values corresponding to the markers on plots).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to incorporate the specific event is a change of attenuation of Hilliker to the method and the system of Pruthi and Bahadiroglu. The motivation would have been to enhance user interface.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jae Y. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 270-3936. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Ryman can be reached on (571) 272-3152. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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